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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2000

**1. Call to Order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:47 pm on February 24, 2000 at Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Lindsey Kozberg, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, John Hisserich, Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Michael Berger, Vice Chair. Quorum was present.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Kathy Caldwell, Terre A. Hirsch, Mark Johnson, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Charles McKenney, Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to roll call: Rick Putnam and Kenneth Warner. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Lesley Devine, David Green, Patrick Hunter, Carolyn Van Horn, and George Lange, Vice Chair. Quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda V. Faustinos, Chief Deputy Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration; Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens;

Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect; Mary Angle, Special Land Projects; Libby Trietsch, Administrative Assistant; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary; Colby Allerton, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

**4. Election of Conservancy Officers.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was nominated as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, nominations for Chairperson were closed.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Michael Berger was nominated as Vice Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, nominations for Vice Chairperson were closed.

Ms. Cheadle and Mr. Berger were elected respectively as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle.

**5. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.**

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, Alan Kishbaugh was nominated as Chairperson.

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, nominations for Chairperson were closed.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, George Lange was nominated as Vice Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, nominations for Vice Chairperson were closed.

Mr. Kishbaugh and Mr. Lange were elected respectively Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

**6. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair regarding the Huebner trial.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair regarding Mr. John Hisserich's departure from the Coastal Commission Board, and his replacement as a representative to the Conservancy by Mr. Edward Albert.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Concoff, Chief of Special Projects.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**7. Special presentation to Marsha Miller and Katherine O'Brien.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director to Ms. Miller.

Ms. O'Brien was absent.

Comments were made by Ms. Miller and the Chair.

**8. Special presentation to Bob Blumenfield.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director to Mr. Blumenfield.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Blumenfield.

**9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Dorian Keyser, representing the Santa Susana Mt. Park Association, on project nominations.

Sybil Scotford, representing the Country Open Space Association, on Rocky Pointe project nomination.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Marter Kenyon.

Comments were made by the Chair.

**10. Presentation and discussion of Conservancy Workprogram 2000 nominations.**

The Executive Director presented this item.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Skei, the Executive Director, and Mr. Edelman.

Mr. Edelman gave a slide presentation, with comments made by Ms. Skei and Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Ms. Angle, Mr. Portantino, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Karayan.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

**11. Discussion and possible consideration of resolution adopting evaluation criteria and priority ranking analysis for Workprogram nominations.**

The Executive Director presented this item.

Comments were made regarding numerical ranking analysis by Jeff Yann of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded Ms. Palmer, Ms. Kosberg, the Chair, Messrs. Karayan, Daniel, McKenney, Portantino, Hirsch and Johnson.

Comments were made by Executive Director, Mr. Yann, the Chair, Messrs. Edelman, McKenney, Portantino, Putnam, Robinson, Daniel, Begley, Johnson and Ms. Kosberg.

It was noted that further discussion will take place on this item.

**12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend its budget and authorize expenditure of Proposition 204 funds for North East Trees-commissioned gates on the Los Angeles River parkway.**

Consideration of this item was delayed until after item 14 when a photograph could be viewed.

**13. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend the Memorandum of Understanding for the formation of the Community Technology and Education Center.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-22.

The Chair added that the item is adopted subject to proofreading changes as per Ms. Kosberg.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing extension of the General Agreement between the National Park Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the Cooperative Management of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kosberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-23.

**12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amend its budget and authorize expenditure of Proposition 204 funds for North East Trees-commissioned gates on the Los Angeles River parkway.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-21.

Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-21.

Comments were made by Mr. Begley.

**15. Minutes.**

No minutes were submitted.

- 16. Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Huebner v. State of California*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

No closed session was necessary.

**17. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

The Executive Director recommended that an item be added to the agenda for both open and closed session:

- 17.(a) Consideration of instructions to negotiators and possible delegation of authority to the Executive Director in consultation with the Chairperson with regard to terms and conditions of acquisition of the Boeckmann Property, Upper Mandeville Canyon; the negotiating parties would be the Executive Director on behalf of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and for the city of Los Angeles, Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and the Los Angeles City Engineer.**

Ms. Kosberg and Mr. Daniel recused themselves from consideration of this item.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, and Mr. McKenney.

The Chair recessed the joint meeting at 10:11 p.m.

The Chair of the Advisory Committee reconvened the Advisory Committee meeting at 10:22 p.m., and the Advisory Committee held an open session discussion on this item.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and member of the public Elizabeth Cheadle.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and Mr. Hirsch.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, in accordance with Government Code 11125.3, the Advisory Committee determined that there existed a need to take immediate action on this item and that the need for action came to the attention of this state body subsequent to the agenda being posted, as specified in Government Code section 11125, and added the item to the agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Lisa Gritzner from Councilwoman Miscikowski's office made a presentation with graph.

Questions were propounded to Ms. Gritzner by Mr. Putnam, the Executive Director, Mr. McKenney, Mr. Hirsch, member of the public Ed Begley, Jr., Mr. Johnson, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Cheadle, Mr. Saito, Ms. Palmer, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Ms. Gritzner, the Executive Director, Mr. McKenney, Ms. Cheadle, Messrs. Putnam, Johnson, and Robinson.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-24. Messrs. Johnson and Warner were recorded as voting no.

The Executive Director recommended adjourning the meeting and continuing the Conservancy board meeting the next day via a telephonic session.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Cheadle, and Mr. Begley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and Ms. Cheadle.

On motion of Mr. Warner, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the Conservancy meeting at 11:11 p.m.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Begley, the Chair, and Messrs. Daniel

and Fujimoto.

The Chair recommended continuing the meeting in a telephonic conference call on February, 25, 5:00 p.m. at the following public places: Franklin Canyon Park/William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills; Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades; Conejo Recreation and Park District Office, 155 East Wilbur, Thousand Oaks; Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles; Department of Parks and Recreation, Angeles District Office, 1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas; and Ramirez Canyon Park, 5750 Ramirez Canyon Road, Malibu.

**18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

A motion was made by Mr. Begley, duly seconded, to continue the meeting via teleconference call at the above stated time and public locations.

The Chair announced that the next regular meeting would be held on March 23, 2000 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE  
Chairperson